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### **PSC STAFF FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST FULTON DEALER IN MODULAR HOME DAMAGED BY MARCH STORM**

JEFFERSON CITY—The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission has filed a nine count complaint against Blakely Manufactured Homes of Fulton, Missouri alleging the dealer violated several Commission rules regarding the installation of a modular home that was partially blown off its foundation during a storm on March 13, 2006. The modular home is owned by Larry and Joyce King of Fulton. The complaint alleges that the home collapsed and two people were injured.

The PSC Staff has filed a separate complaint against the modular home's manufacturer, Four Seasons Housing, Inc., based in Middlebury, Indiana.

The PSC Staff claims that Blakely Manufactured Homes violated Commission rules by:

- ✓ Failing to properly attach the home onto the basement foundation;
- ✓ Failing to properly support the centerline of the home with the necessary jack posts;
- ✓ Failing to properly attach the supporting jack posts to the home's center beam and to the concrete footing;
- ✓ Failing to properly fasten the home's hinged roof ;
- ✓ Failing to properly fasten in place the drop-in roof ridge sections of the home;
- ✓ Failing to properly fasten together the end walls of both home sections;
- ✓ Failing to properly construct the home stairway to the basement;
- ✓ Failing to install guards on the sides of the home's basement stairway; and
- ✓ Failing to install a handrail on the home's basement stairway.

The complaint alleges that the involved modular home "sustained extensive and excessive damage as a result of the multiple failures and omissions of Blakely to properly follow manufacturer procedures and code."

The PSC Staff has asked for Commission authority to go to circuit court to seek monetary penalties against Blakely Manufactured Homes. If authorization is granted by the Commission, the circuit court will ultimately determine if there should be a penalty assessed and the amount.

Blakely Manufactured Homes has until April 25, 2006, to file a response to the complaint.